

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 3-8, and 27-32 are pending in the application. Claims 27-32 have been cancelled. No claims have been amended.


Claims 1 and 3-8 have been allowed and Applicants thank the Examiner for this allowance. Applicants have cancelled the remaining claims and will pursue those in a continuation.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

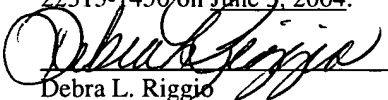
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